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TAGS: FAO  
SUBJ: REQUEST THAT MRS. LILLIAN CARTER AGREE TO THE ISSUANCE  
OF AN FAO CERES MEDAL BEARING HER PORTRAIT

1) THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO ASKED THE EMBASSY TO CONVEY TO  
MRS. LILLIAN CARTER A REQUEST THAT SHE PERMIT FAO TO ISSUE  
A CERES MEDAL BEARING HER PORTRAIT. THESE MEDALS, BEARING  
THE LIKENESSES OF OUTSTANDING WOMEN, ARE COLLECTED BY  
NUMISMATISTS AND HUMANITARIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND  
THE PROCEEDS ARE USED TO FURTHER THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
ADVANCEMENT OF PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER

AMERICANS WHO HAVE APPEARED ON CERES MEDALS ARE CORETTA  
SCOTT KING, MARGARET MEAD, SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, AND  
GLORIA STEINEM. THE PORTRAIT OF MRS. CARTER WOULD BE COM-  
MISSIONED TO A YOUNG AMERICAN SCULPTOR LIVING IN ROME AND  
THE MEDAL WOULD BE STRUCK IN 50 MILLIMETERS DIAMETER IN  
STERLING SILVER AND IN 28 MILLIMETERS DIAMETER IN 18 KARAT  
GOLD. HER SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON A THEME  
TO BE DEVELOPED ON THE BACK OF THE MEDAL RELATING TO  
HER WORK, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, OR A SPECIAL  
COMMEMORATIVE EVENT. MRS. CARTER WILL ALSO BE ASKED  
TO SELECT PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WHICH THE ARTIST CAN WORK.  
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IT GENERALLY TAKES SEVERAL MONTHS TO PREPARE THE  
MEDALLION AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ONLY WHEN IT  
IS READY FOR SALE. LETTER AND PAMPHLET ON CERES  
PROGRAM ARE BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.

2) DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA MADE HIS APPROACH TO THE

EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT BY WAY OF A PERSONAL LETTER  
TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT  
SAOUMA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 20 TO 23, AND MAY  
WELL MENTION THIS REQUEST DURING HIS VISIT. DEPARTMENT  
MAY FIND THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION USEFUL.BEAUDRY

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